

# Arkansas

## Broiler Hatchery

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### Arkansas Chick Placements Down 6 Percent From Last Year

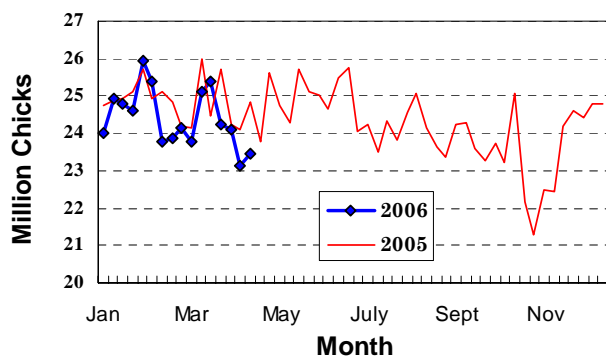
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 23.5 million during the week ending April 22, 2006. Placements were down 6 percent from the comparable week in 2005, but up 1 percent from the revised previous week, and included 3.0 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2005 through April 22, 2006 were 390.6 million, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 24.9 million, down 2 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but up slightly from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 4.1 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83 percent.

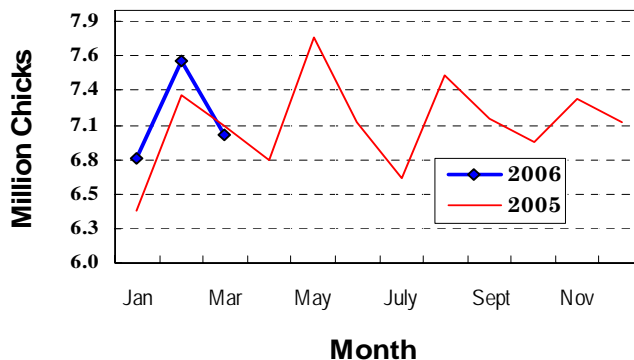
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 30.2 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending April 22, 2006, down 3 percent from the same period last year, and down slightly from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **United States** placed 7.01 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during March 2006, down 1 percent from March 2005.

Chicks Placed in Arkansas by Week, 2005-2006



U. S. Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks Placed for Domestic Hatchery Supply Flocks, 2005 - 2006



	Chicks Placed in Arkansas		
Week Ending 1/	Year		% of Prev. Year
	2005	2006	
	Thousand		
Mar. 18	26,004	25,114	97
Mar. 25	24,483	25,367	104
Apr. 1	25,689	24,238	94
Apr. 8	24,245	24,090	99
Apr. 15	24,090	23,131*	96
Apr. 22	24,829	23,462	94

	U.S. Pullet Chicks Placed		
Month	Year		% of
	2004-2005	2005-2006	Prev. Year
	Thousand		
Oct.	6,457	6,944	108
Nov.	7,128	7,298	102
Dec.	6,772	7,112	105
Jan.	6,409	6,825	106
Feb.	7,325	7,593	104
Mar.	7,077	7,012	99

1/ For previous year, it is the comparable week.

\* Revised

## Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Weeks, March 18 - April 22, 2006

State	Eggs Set						Chicks Placed					
	Week Ending						Week Ending					
	25-Mar	1-Apr	8-Apr	15-Apr	22-Apr	% 1/	25-Mar	1-Apr	8-Apr	15-Apr	22-Apr	% 1/
	<i>Thousand</i>						<i>Thousand</i>					
Alabama	31,906	30,835	31,781	31,147	30,175	97	21,700	21,811	21,367	21,403 *	20,806	96
Arkansas	29,754	30,034	31,066	30,364	30,234	97	25,367	24,238	24,090	23,131 *	23,462	94
Delaware	3,620	3,519	3,583	3,466	3,726	92	6,002	6,235	5,680	4,918 *	4,638	83
Florida	1,364	1,366	1,344	1,344	1,352	100	1,536	1,471	1,304	1,531	1,428	95
Georgia	34,822	35,004	34,747	35,257	34,747	104	28,485	27,909	26,625	27,919	29,050	112
Kentucky	7,160	7,262	7,436	7,339	7,004	103	5,862	6,011	5,640	6,263	6,260	97
Louisiana	3,756	4,058	4,136	4,136	4,000	96	3,831	4,149	3,912	3,811	4,139	115
Maryland	8,632	8,870	8,924	8,844 *	8,824	98	4,852	4,820	5,414	5,347 *	5,910	113
Mississippi	18,528	18,393	18,285	18,004	18,172	96	16,428	16,490	16,414	16,394	16,394	92
N. Carolina	18,010	18,678 *	18,633	18,573 *	19,093	100	15,323	15,606	15,030	14,787 *	15,281	99
Oklahoma	6,659	6,367	6,666	6,650	6,614	99	5,095	5,319	5,313	5,683	4,877	110
Pennsylvania	3,809	4,186	4,276 *	4,351 *	4,011	98	2,913	2,963	2,961 *	2,690 *	2,899	94
S. Carolina	5,382	5,027	5,120	4,959	5,205	104	4,849	4,497	5,378	4,582	4,286	99
Texas	13,466	15,074	15,073	15,059	14,984	96	13,103	13,058	12,971	11,458	12,810	97
Virginia	6,561	6,563	6,503	6,552	6,445	98	5,098	4,916	4,916	5,462	5,375	100
CA,MO,TN & WV	17,785	18,015 *	18,328	18,244 *	18,037	100	16,549	17,500 *	16,966 *	16,598 *	16,791	99
19 State Total	211,214	213,251 *	215,901 *	214,289 *	212,623		176,993	176,993 *	173,981 *	171,977 *	174,406	
Prev. Year Total	213,028	212,503	217,115	215,452	215,123		178,178	177,165	176,158	176,765	175,439	
% of Prev. Year	99	100	99	99	99		99	100	99	97	99	
Approximate Marketing Date 2006 2/.....							13-May	20-May	27-May	3-Jun	10-Jun	

\* Revised in current week.      1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.      2/ Industry average; seven weeks from placement.

### Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 22, 2006. This was down 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

### Broiler Chicks Placed Down 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 22, 2006. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through April 22, 2006 were 2.80 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.